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with Rifampicin and Methods of Use Thereof*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Examiner Dune Ly:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 29, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully submit this Amendment and Response. Please amend the claims of the subject application as indicated herein. A Petition for a one month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith.